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Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 5, 8-12, 15 and 16 above. The amendments are purely clerical in nature and have no relationship to any rejection made in this application. The amendments do not raise any new issues and entry of the amendment is proper. Claims 1-17 are still pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 based upon *Johnson*. As previously pointed out, the *Johnson* reference is a purely computer-based arrangement that includes a template 60 for providing information on a printed written proposal. There is nothing that provides any motivation for modifying *Johnson* to make it consistent with Applicant's claims, other than Applicant's own disclosure.

Moreover, even if *Johnson* were somehow modified, as suggested by the Examiner, the result is not the same as the claimed invention. The Examiner's proposed modification to *Johnson* does not include an adjustable suspension module as recited in claim 1. The "modified" *Johnson* arrangement does not include any of steps B-E from claim 8. Not even one of the limitations of claim 15 is contained in the "modified" version of *Johnson's* teachings.

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The claims are allowable. There is no legal basis for continuing to reject Applicant's claims based upon the *Johnson* reference. Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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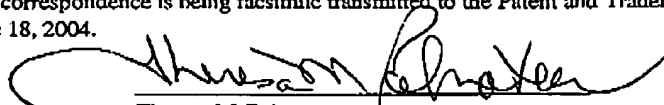
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